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LETTER DATED 28 MAY 1992 FROM THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In connection with the letter addressed to you on 23 May 1992, I should be grateful if you would arrange for the letter of President Mircea Snegur and its annexes to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) NICOLAE ŢÎU
Minister of Foreign Affairs

Annex I

[Original: English]

Letter dated 23 May 1992 from the President of the Republic of Moldova addressed to the Secretary-General

I appeal to you in an extremely critical moment for my country - the Republic of Moldova, member of the UNO - which faces a serious danger for its security, sovereignty and territorial integrity.

This situation was provoked by a flagrant and violent interference of the 14th Army into the internal affairs of my country, the Army which is under the jurisdiction of the Russian Federation, permanent member of the Security Council, and whose troops are stationed in the East of Moldova.

On 19 May 1992 military troops of the Army have openly joined separative antigovernmental forces by supplying them with modern military equipment, including tanks and rockets, and by supporting them in their violent actions directed against legal state bodies, and also against peaceful population. As the result, during the last several days in the conflict zone the agreement on the cease-fire has been violated repeatedly, there are numerous victims and a great material damage is caused, the number of refugees has increased sufficiently. The mentioned above circumstances have provoked grave consequences for the internal stability. In fact, the territory of Moldova on the left bank of the Nistru river is occupied by the forces of the 14th Army.

All this constitutes none other than an act of a military aggression of the Russian Federation against the Republic of Moldova, a non-declared war, for the consequences of which the Government of Russia bears full responsibility.

I consider that the escalation of the military conflict in Moldova can jeopardize peace and security in the South-Eastern Europe and creates a dangerous precedent for the whole international community.

The leaders of the Republic of Moldova have acted promptly for the political solution of the conflict. We have recently addressed repeatedly the leaders of Russia and personally President Boris Yeltsin to order the immediate withdrawal of the troops of the 14th Army from the firing positions and subsequently the total withdrawal of the Army from the territory of Moldova. To our great regret, we have not got any answer to our letters which we annex to this document as the information.

I appeal to you, Excellency, with the request to inform members of the Security Council of the UNO of this letter together with the enclosed ones, regarding it as an official document.

In case if the Russian Federation doesn't immediately stop this act of aggression against the Republic of Moldova and doesn't withdraw its military forces engaged in the conflict on the left bank of the Nistru river, the

Republic of Moldova reserves the right to appeal officially to the Security Council of the UNO for the discussion of the situation created as a result of this foreign military intervention.

(Signed) Mircea SNEGUR
President of the Republic
of Moldova

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Annex II

[Original: Russian]

Letter dated 19 May 1992 from the President of the Republic of Moldova addressed to Heads of States and Government

I wish to inform you that on 19 May 1992, at 1800 hours local time, the armed forces of Russia, specifically the 14th army, which is stationed in our territory, using T-72 tanks, armoured personnel carriers, 122 mm guns and other armed force, engaged in overt armed aggression against the Republic of Moldova, against the legitimate forces of law and order.

In informing you of this situation, we confirm that a solution of the conflict in the left bank regions is possible by peaceful political means without any outside interference. However, the armed incursion of the Russian 14th army into the conflict zone is making it impossible to begin implementing the agreements worked out during the quadripartite meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Moldova, Russia, Romania and Ukraine on 6 and 17 April 1992 in Kishinev and is posing a real danger of an escalation of armed confrontation on the continent.

Sir,

We shall be grateful to you if you are able to provide us with support at this decisive point of the establishment of the Republic of Moldova.

(Signed) Mircea SNEGUR
President of the Republic
of Moldova

Annex III

[Original: Russian]

Statement by the Presidium of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova on 20 May 1992

On 19 May 1992 at 1800 hours, the 14th army of the Russian Federation - a member of the Security Council of the United Nations - flouting the norms of international law and disregarding the tragic consequences of its actions, occupied the eastern regions of the Republic of Moldova and engaged in overt military aggression against our independent, sovereign State, a Member of the United Nations, as a continuation of the policy of the pro-imperial, pro-communist forces which are hoping to revive the Soviet empire. In so doing it is nullifying all the efforts of the leadership of the Republic to settle by political means the artificially created conflict in the left bank regions of the Dnestr and also to implement the agreements reached by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, Romania and Ukraine at the quadripartite meetings in Helsinki and Kishinev.

The decree of the VI Congress of people's deputies of the Russian Federation of 8 April 1992 justifying overt interference in the internal affairs of Moldova, the aggressive statements about our State made by the Vice-President of Russia, Mr. A. Rutskoy, in Tiraspol and Moscow, and the pro-imperial activity in the left bank regions of the Dnestr of Lieutenant-General A. Makashov and other leaders of the national-chauvinist circles of Russia - are all links in the same chain of preparation of military aggression against the Republic of Moldova.

Overt military aggression against our State has become a reality.

The people and leadership of Moldova have always been concerned about the stationing of a foreign army in the territory of the Republic and its participation in igniting conflict in the eastern regions. For a long time the leadership of our State has constantly insisted on an unconditional and immediate withdrawal of the 14th army and other military units from its territory. The course of events has again and again convincingly proved that we are right and that the allegations of the official representatives of both Russia and the army itself are false.

The attempts of certain political circles of Russia to portray armed aggression as a case of individual units breaking away from the control of the army command or of "irregulars" capturing military hardware are nothing less than outright disinformation. And the leadership of Russia is saying nothing.

It is well known that it was precisely with the assistance of the former commander of the 14th army, Lieutenant-General G. Yakovlev, and the former commander of the Odessa military district, Colonel General I. Morozov, that

the pro-communist leaders of Tiraspol set up and armed illegal formations such as ROSM, TSO, the "Dnestr" battalion and others. The leadership of the 14th army deliberately assisted in disseminating modern weapons on the left bank of the Dnestr and in their seizure, in particular, by units of cosaks and criminal elements from outside.

The statement of the military council of the 14th army of 19 May 1992 provides further proof that the military aggression against Moldova was carefully prepared.

We call on the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation and its President to stop the overt military aggression against Moldova and immediately withdraw the 14th army from the territory of that sovereign State.

At this difficult time of trial we appeal to all our countrymen to close ranks and at the first call come to the defence of the democracy, independence, territorial integrity and freedom of our native land.

Annex IV

[Original: Russian]

Government telegram

To: Mr. B. N. Yeltsin, President of the Russian Federation
Copy to the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation

Dear Boris Nikolaevich,

To the deep regret and misfortune of our peoples, the situation that I frequently predicted has become a sad reality. Yesterday, 17 May 1992, at 1800 hours local time, the 14th army of Russia started providing overt armed support to the separatist forces which are tearing apart our small Republic.

Tanks, armoured personnel carriers, artillery and other types of military hardware and weapons were moved into battle positions in the left bank regions of the Republic of Moldova.

Yesterday too the military council of that "army" in an unequivocal form threatened the President of Moldova with "return fire".

This constitutes direct military aggression, Boris Nikolaevich, and to me it is, to say the least, strange that for 22 hours now you have not reacted in any way ...

I should like once again to inform you that no one has fired or is firing on the 14th army. Provocation orchestrated by the separatists including firing on the military town of Dybossary was used as a long-awaited pretext. However, I hope you understand that the Moldovian forces of law and order have never had any intention and have no intention of engaging in battle with units of the regular army equipped with the most modern weapons. Moreover, they have no desire and never had any desire to provoke such a conflict themselves. All this story of an attack on the military is simply a monstrous provocation and you and I are being manipulated by those who want to turn back history.

Boris Nikolaevich:

I request you, as President of the Russian Federation, to intervene immediately and to stop Russia's aggression against Moldova. This can and must be resolved by peaceful means or, before our very eyes and with the direct and decisive participation of the 14th army of Russia, it may develop into an international, inter-State armed conflict.

Once again appealing to your reason and wisdom, I still hope that we can justify the trust placed in us by those who have elected us.

President of the Republic of Moldova, Mircea Snegur, 20 May 1992

Annex V

[Original: Russian]

Government telegram

To: Mr. B. N. Yeltsin, President of the Russian Federation

Boris Nikolaevich,

Despite my appeals to you regarding the extremely dangerous consequences of the breaking away of the 14th Russian army, the process of its disintegration is continuing.

Moreover, meetings are being held in units of that army at which decisions are being taken to go over to the side of the bandit and separatist forces. The soldiers of your army, Boris Nikolaevich, have taken to their tanks and are now firing on Moldovian villages.

Yesterday in the village of Malovata a pregnant woman with small children was killed.

Hypocritically manipulating various assertions regarding the need to protect their families (although no one from the legitimate formations fired or even considered firing on them), the disintegrated part of the 14th army, after accusing the same minority of treachery and isolating it, has gone over to the side of the State criminals. And now openly, using Russian weapons in illegal bandit formations, they are preventing the legitimate authorities from restoring constitutional order. Yesterday and last night, along with the bandits, your soldiers, using all kinds of artillery, tanks and other weapons, fired almost continuously on peaceful settlements and dwellings.

Yes, Boris Nikolaevich, on dwellings, and in Moldova, whose land was destined by nature itself for peace and construction, and where there is no place for trenches. Every day dozens of people are dying, thousands of people have left their homes and are asking me: what does all this mean?

History will not forget such things and will not forgive, dear President of the Russian Federation.

Mircea Snegur
President of the Republic
of Moldova

Kishinev, 22 May 1992